

Spain

PREVIEW 04

07.05.21

FREE PRACTICE 1

11:30 - 12:30

FREE PRACTICE 2

15:00 - 16:00

08.05.21

FREE PRACTICE 3

12:00 - 13:00

QUALIFYING

15:00

09.05.21

RACE

15:00

Charging on





The team enjoyed a successful Portuguese Grand Prix weekend with both cars inside the points. Attention turns to Barcelona for this weekend's Spanish Grand Prix, as Executive Director Marcin Budkowski explains the team's development plan.



Marcin Budkowski
Executive Director

Q&A

What makes the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya an interesting Formula 1 track?

Barcelona is the usual benchmark circuit in Formula 1, its combination of low, medium and high-speed corners means it highlights pretty well a car's strengths and weaknesses. Additionally, Formula 1 pre-season testing happened on this track for many years, so the drivers know it particularly well. Even if the conditions can be quite different between winter testing and May, when we

usually race in Barcelona, it's one of those circuits where teams and drivers are so prepared that there aren't usually too many surprises. It will be interesting to see if this is any different this year given we all arrive here less prepared than usual.

What upgrades are planned for this race and beyond?

We have small things coming through on the back of some successful testing in Portimão, where we improved a few specific areas of the car. There's more to come and, in general, we'll continue to bring performance improvements to the car for the next few races, before we switch entirely our focus to 2022.

How does the team look back on the Portuguese Grand Prix and what's the confidence level heading to Spain?

On the back of a strong race in which we showed good pace and achieved a double points result, we want to build on this good momentum. Barcelona, historically, hasn't been one of our strongest tracks, but neither was Portugal last year, so we will aim to confirm our progress by putting both cars in Q3 and scoring more points.



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Esteban Ocon

Round the outside

Esteban Ocon made it two points finishes in a row following his smooth seventh place finish in Portugal. The Frenchman was in determined form with a series of overtakes helping him on his way, as he looks ahead to this weekend's Spanish Grand Prix.



Esteban Ocon
Race Driver #31

What is the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya like to drive?

Barcelona is a challenging circuit but one we know very well. It's been the location for testing for many years, especially during my Formula 1 career, so it's a place where I've completed many laps. Sector 1 and Sector 2 are fast and challenging with the tyres getting very hot in the long corners at Turns 3 and 9. The final sector is tricky as it's slow-speed and by that point on the lap you tend to lose a bit of grip. There's a slight change to the circuit this year at Turn 10, which looks to sweep a little bit more than before. I look forward to taking it on for the first time on Friday.

How do you reflect on the Portuguese Grand Prix?

It was an entertaining race at the wheel with some hard and fair racing throughout. We left Portugal feeling very satisfied with our efforts. We turned a solid Friday into a really good Saturday and qualifying in sixth was a great feeling. The race result shows the progress we've made so far this season, but it also shows that we have more to do and more to find. It was great to fight with Ferrari and McLaren, but we must aim to do that consistently and, of course, beat them. Let's see what we can do this weekend. It will be interesting to see how the car performs at this circuit.

Q&A

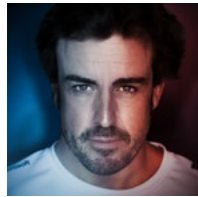




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Fernando Alonso

Home Alone

Fernando Alonso returns to home soil for this weekend's Spanish Grand Prix, his first time back in Formula 1 at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya since 2018.



Fernando Alonso
Race Driver #14

It's your first-time back racing in Spain for two years, are you looking forward to it?

I am excited to be back racing in Spain. It's always special racing in your home country and I have good memories here in Barcelona. It's a circuit all of us drivers know well, as we normally do our pre-season test here as well as racing the Grand Prix during the season. It's a challenging circuit with a lot of high speed corners. The race is also back to back with Portugal, so it's nice to keep the momentum going. It's traditionally quite a difficult circuit to overtake on, so qualifying will be very important. We'll see where we are during the weekend and

target a positive weekend with some more points on the board.

It was another points finish for you last time out in Portimão, what are your takeaways from the weekend?

Overall, it was a good weekend for us. The car performed better than in the previous two rounds, and I felt comfortable from Friday onwards. Unfortunately qualifying didn't go as planned for me, but we made up for it with a very strong race and I enjoyed fighting inside the top ten with our rivals. Had we

started higher on the grid; we could have scored even more points on Sunday. We want to carry this form into Spain.

Unfortunately, there are no fans in the grandstands this weekend, how much will you miss them here?

It's a real shame to be racing here with no fans in the grandstands. Formula 1 with fans is very special, but even more so when it's your home fans. I remember how supportive and passionate the Spanish fans have been in the past, so we will miss this over the weekend. You race to feel the emotion from the support of your fans. Hopefully the fans can return to races soon but in the meantime, we can put on a good show for them watching at home.

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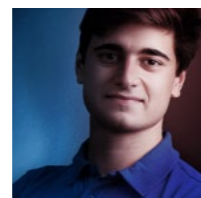


Academy Collet and Martins primed for FIA Formula 3 Spanish season-opener

Alpine Academy Drivers Caio Collet and Victor Martins begin their 2021 FIA Formula 3 campaign in Barcelona this weekend.

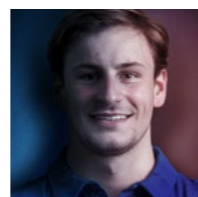
The debutants are team-mates at MP Motorsport in 2021 on the back of their thrilling Formula Renault Eurocup title battle last season, which saw Frenchman Victor pip Brazilian Caio to the crown.

This year, both are ready to battle once more and push each other on-track.



Caio Collet
#18, MP Motorsport

“It’s my first race in FIA Formula 3. It’s going to be nice to race with Formula 1 as it adds to the race weekend with all the people at the team looking out for you and that’s nice motivation. Testing went really well both in Spielberg and Barcelona and we have a really good car. Now it’s about putting all of that into a race weekend. A lot changes when it’s a race as there’s much less time to do everything. We need to be ready straight away. We’ll see what the race weekend brings, but I’m pretty confident and have all the trust in the team. They’ve done a good job preparing the race, so we’ll see what happens.”



Victor Martins
#17, MP Motorsport

“I’m extremely excited to get the season started! Barcelona will be my first ever race in FIA Formula 3, so I’m really looking forward to seeing what we can achieve with the team. We worked well together in the pre-season tests and I felt awesome in the car and we learnt a lot from it. But, now it’s time to see where we will be in the field on a race weekend. I’m confident that our car is fast, and we will be able to fight at the front from the first round.”



Formula 3 Schedule (local time)

Friday

Practice – 10:05 – 10:50
Qualifying – 13:35 – 14:05

Saturday

Race 1 – 22 laps – 10:35 – 11:15
Race 2 – 22 laps – 16:45 – 17:25

Sunday

Race 3 – 22 laps – 12:05 – 12:45

Elsewhere across Alpine Racing



Alpine Elf Matmut Team secure second place Hypercar finish in World Endurance

Alpine Elf Matmut finished in second place overall, and in the Hypercar category, at the opening round of the World Endurance Championship at Spa-Francorchamps, to cap off a superb debut in the series.

The squad – featuring Andre Negrao, Nicolas Lapierre and Matthieu Vaxiviere – ran solidly and reliably throughout the 6-hour race, fighting the leading Toyotas to the end. The team finished just 1min 07secs adrift of the winners.



Formula Regional by Alpine to feature on Formula 1 support card in Barcelona

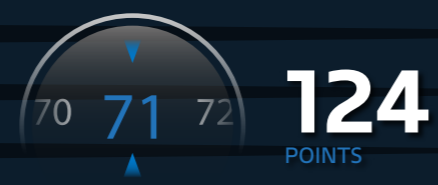
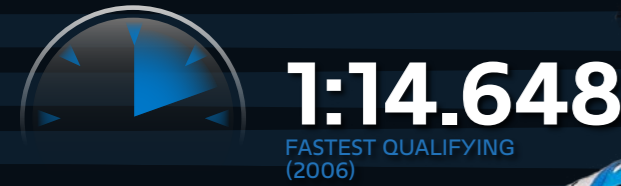
The 2021 Formula Regional Championship by Alpine enters its second round on the Spanish Grand Prix support card at the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.

The championship got off to an exciting start two weeks ago in Imola, with David Vidales taking victory at the inaugural race of the season. However, it's Swiss driver Grégoire Saucy who is leading the way in the drivers' standings, having stormed to a dominant victory in race two at Imola.

Prema Powerteam currently lead the teams' championship by 13 points ahead of R-ACE GP in second, with ART Grand Prix third, 18 points behind the leaders.

FERNANDO
Alonso

IN SPAIN



ESTEBAN
Ocon

IN SPAIN



TYRE CHOICES

O CON



HARD (C1)

ALONSO



MEDIUM (C2)



SOFT (C3)



RENAULT POWER
SPAIN

141

STARTS

12

WINS

28

PODIUMS

10

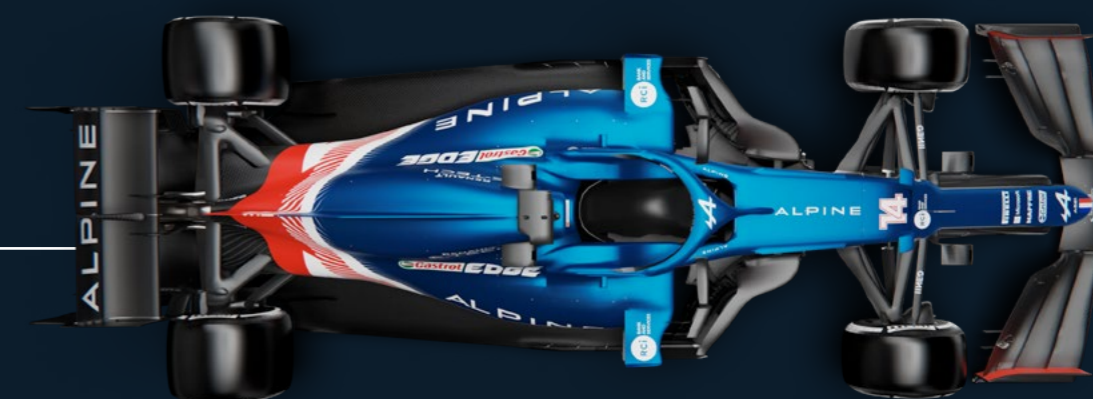
POLE POSITIONS

8

FASTEST LAPS

522

TOTAL POINTS



TEAM RESULT
2020

RICCIARDO



13TH

GRID



11TH

RACE

O CON



15TH

GRID



13TH

RACE



